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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Insert the following heading on page 1, after the title:**

Background of the Invention

**Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:**

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/380,249 filed August 30, 1999; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Insert the following heading on page 2, after line 27 of the specification:**

Summary of the Invention

**Insert the following heading on page 5, after line 6 of the specification:**

Brief Description of the Drawings

**Insert the following heading on page 5, after line 26 of the specification:**

Detailed Description of the Drawings

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**Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new  
Abstract of the Disclosure.**

A subscriber card includes a controller for concentrating Internet frames so as not to occupy a telephone circuit for each call to an Internet service provider. The subscriber card is connected to a switching matrix that facilitates transmission of the concentrated Internet frames to a data transmission network. The subscriber card handles multiple subscriber inputs and statistically multiplexes data from the multiple subscriber inputs in order to increase throughput.